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Liquor Commission assistant administrator accepts presidency of National Conference of State Liquor Administrators



Honolulu Liquor Commission Assistant Administrator Anna Hirai.

HONOLULU – The City and County of Honolulu is proud to announce that Liquor Commission Assistant Administrator Anna Hirai is now President of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA), becoming the first woman from Hawai‘i to hold this distinguished seat. Hirai’s appointment was made official on Aug. 27.

“I am honored to be the fourth Honolulu Liquor Commission representative to hold this office since NCSLA’s founding in 1934, joining William Lucas (1960), Winston Miyahara (1967), and Eugene Carson (1986),” said Hirai. “No other state except Hawai‘i has had greater participation at this level.”

Hirai will represent the Aloha State as she leads an organization comprised of state regulators and industry leaders in the alcoholic beverages sector. In accordance with the organization’s

mission, her primary focus will be education on past and current alcoholic beverage policies and regulations within our communities, the state and the nation.

Hirai has been with the Honolulu Liquor Commission since 1997, first as Adjudications Deputy Corporation Counsel, then in various roles including Special Assistant to the Administrator, Assistant Administrator, and Acting Administrator.

Hirai's previous role was 1st Vice-President of NCSLA, serving as an executive officer of the national non-profit corporation representing the thirteen Western Region states. Her ascension to the NCSLA President's office takes place as a result of former NCSLA President Teri Quimby's resignation. Hirai will serve as NCSLA president for the remainder of Ms. Quimby's term ending June 30, 2020; it is anticipated that Hirai will stand for election for a second presidential term for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 term.

Hirai has been a member of the Hawai'i Bar since 1981 and the Arkansas Bar since 1984. She graduated from Punahou School (1973); Georgetown University (1977; A.B. American Studies); and Boston College Law School (1981).

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